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- 1. In a wireless communication system, a method for call recovery
- 2 comprising:

transmitting a pilot strength measurement message at a first transmit power level;

waiting a predetermined time period; and

- transmitting the pilot strength measurement message at a second transmit power level, wherein the second transmit power level is greater than the first transmit power level.
 - 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the second transmit power level is a maximum transmit power level.
- 3. A computer program stored on a computer readable medium operative to perform the method of claim 1.
 - 4. In a wireless communication system, a method comprising:
 initiating a call recovery; and
 incrementing a transmit power level prior to receiving a hand-off direction
 message.
 - 5. The method of claim 4, further comprising:
- transmitting a pilot strength measurement message at each transmit power level.
 - 6. The method of claim 4,/wherein pilot strength measurement messages are transmitted at predetermined time intervals.
- 7. The method of claim 4, wherein the pilot strength measurement message includes a preamble message.
 - 8. A wireless apparatus, comprising:
- an antenna; a processor coupled to the antenna;
- 4 transmit circuitry coupled to the antenna and the processor; and

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- a first set of computer readable instructions executable by the processor to increment transmit power of a pilot strength measurement message during call recovery.
- 9. The apparatus of claim 8, further comprising:
- a second set of computer readable instructions executable by the processor to maintain the transmit power below a maximum power level.